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1. AMB SCHAUFLE REMINDED SYG WALDHEIM JUNE 18 THAT AMB PHILLIPS HAD SPOKEN TO HIM EARLIER ON THE QUESTION OF STAVROPOULOS' REPLACEMENT AS LEGAL ADVISOR. WALDHEIM INTERRUPTED TO OBSERVE THAT THERE WERE NOW QTE MANY UNQTE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION. BELGIANS HAD MISINTERPRETED VARIOUS INFORMAL REMARKS BY SYG AS CONSTITUTING COMMITMENT TO SUY, WHEN AS MATTER OF FACT, DECISION WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE MADE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. STAVROPOULOS WOULD BE IN PLACE THROUGH 28 TH GA. EARLIER HARMEL HAD SUGGESTED THAT SCHREIB BE PROMOTED TO ASYG RANK. SYG COUNTERED WITH PROPOSAL THAT BELGIANS PROPOSE CANDIDATE FOR LEGAL ADVISER SLOT. NORDICS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH SUY, AND HAD SUGGESTED GOLSONG OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE. HOWEVER, GERMANS NOT DISPOSED TO NOMINATE HIM. CANADIA, ENGLISHMAN AND BULGARIAN CANDIDATES HAD ALSO BEEN PUT FORWARD. HE HAD HAD INDICATIONS OF WIDER EE INTEREST IN BULGARIAN CANDIDACY BUT HAD TOLD BULGARIANS THAT THIS IS WE SLOT.

2. SCHAUFLE INTERJECTED THAT US STRONGLY FAVORS WE CANDIDATE. WALDHEIM SHIFTED TERMS, ASSERTING HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOMINEE WOULD DEFINITELY BE QTE SOMEONE OF WESTERN IDEOLOGY UNQTE. SCHAUFLE REJOINED THAT US BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT DESIGNATION QTE WE UNQTE MEANT THE CANDIDATE SHOULD BE FROM COUNTRY IN WE GROUP.

3. WALDHEIM EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS STRONGLY PREDISPOSED TO SUI BUT HINTED THAT HE WAS SUBJECT TO VARIOUS PRESSURES AND IN NO HURRY TO REACH DECISION. UNTIL HE COULD ANNOUNCE ALL NEW APPOINTMENTS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO TAKE EFFECT JAN. 1974. SCHAUFELER REFERRED TO LARGE PROPORTION OF RUSSIANS IN KEY PSCA SLOTS. WALDHEIM SAID THIS WAS SITUATION HE HAD INHERITED. HE HAD BEEN OBLIGED FEND OFF STRONG SOVIET PRESSURE TO GET SINGLE CHINESE IN SENIOR PSCA SLOT. HE ADDED THAT STOEßINGER WAS BEING KEPT ON FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR.

4. COMMENT: SCHAUFELER BRIEFED BELGIAN DCM VAN USSEL ON GENERAL OUTLINE HIS CONVERSATION WITH SYG ON SUI APPOINTMENT. VAN USSEL, IN UNUSUALLY STRONG LANGUAGE, SAID WALDHEIM WAS LYING ABOUT BACKGROUND SUI NOMINATION. ADDED THAT ALL EC RESP WILL BE MAKING DEMARCHES TO SYG ON SAME SUBJECT OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. BELGIANS WANT SUI APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED NLT SEPTEMBER. SCALI

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